Tessa Houston Machias LD 260 Tessa Houston Machias, Maine March 3, 2025

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee. My name is Tessa Houston, I am a resident of Machias and am writing in support of LD 260.

As a young, female scientist, I should be guaranteed equal consideration, pay, and treatment to my male colleagues. This legislation would assure those rights as I pursue my career in Maine.

29 other states have protected sex equality in their constitutions. Maine has been a leader in this country and this is one area where we have fallen disappointingly short. Act now to provide equal protections for all Mainers and encourage young people to stay in this state.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD260. Thank you!